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Vacant School Site off Ridge Is Studied For Possible Center School Replacement

by Elaine Skolnik

A new dimension has been added to the discussion of Greenbelt Center School's future — the possibility of an elementary school-middle school complex on part of the 72-acre county-owned school surplus land. This land, which was designated in the middle 1960's for a senior high-junior high-elementary school complex, has been sought by the City of Greenbelt for over a decade.

Anticipating success in its quest, the city is awaiting a response from Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening, announcing the official date that the land will be transferred. The tract, which the city plans to keep as parkland, is located between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property on Ridge Road, with 10 acres situated north (Parcel 1) and 62 acres south (Parcel 2) of Northway Road Extended.

However, the possibility surfaced recently that the school system might use part of the surplus school land. In a September 16 letter to Prince Georges County Councilmember Richard Castaldi, the county school system's Director of Planning, John C. Huffman, noted that there was an alternate site on which to build a new Greenbelt Elementary School—“... the 70 acres located near Ridge Road between Northway and Hamilton Place.” He also said, “We have discussed the possibility of using ... the 70 acres as an elementary school - middle school complex. This idea provides the community of Greenbelt with two new educational facilities.” (An elementary school requires 10 acres of land; a middle school 20.)

The Greenbelt Middle School is currently placed in the County Public School's Capital Improvements Program for renovation in Fiscal Year 1992, with planning to begin in Fiscal Year 1990.

Final Decision

A final decision by the Prince Georges County School Board on whether to renovate Greenbelt Center School or construct a new building on another site has been postponed until the middle of 1989. However, a preliminary decision will be made this fall, by the school system's Facilities Committee, so that an application for state funding can be initiated. The committee is composed of school administrators and school board member Suzanne Plogman.

Originally the deadline for a decision on Center School proposals was October 31, 1988. However, more time was needed for public hearings and for distribution of surveys to parents, school staff and the community.

(The survey will also be printed in the Greenbelt News Review.) A recommendation by the Facilities Committee will be made after the group evaluates the surveys.

Charette

At the July two-day charette concerning Center School, R. C. Garcia, charette coordinator and Vice President of SHWC, the architectural firm given the mandate to study the possible rehabilitation of the facility, presented two alternatives open to school administrators and to the community: to rebuild the present school within historic trust guidelines to create as useful an educational structure as possible, or to locate a new site and plan a wholly new structure with the most advanced educational design.

Garcia indicated that the best educational value would be achieved by building a new school, but that the best social and cultural solution would be gained by restoring the existing building.

Mentioned as possible sites for a new elementary school are the school surplus land, Parcel 2, North End School and two Board of Education-owned sites along Mandan Road in Greenbelt East. According to school officials, renovation of Center School would require the transfer of students to Bladensburg Elementary until rehabilitation work was completed.

raise a down-payment for the new pumper, which would cost about \$200,000.

Most of the citizens who spoke at the council meeting said they would prefer a tax increase to the noise, traffic, and parking problems they felt the regular Las Vegas nights would create.

Joe Wilkinson, who is usually against tax hikes, said he was opposed to the Las Vegas nights, but was 100% behind the fire department and would even support a tax increase. Wilkinson also called for a fund drive to purchase the new pumper. He started it off by giving a check to Dutton and calling for donations at the meeting.

Many citizens were especially opposed to the number of days and times of the proposed Las Vegas nights: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon to 11 p.m. and Friday from noon to 2 a.m. Mary Helen Spear noted the overlap with times children would be coming and going from Braden Field which is close to the fire house. She expressed concern that children might be endangered by the in-

creased traffic and she said she would prefer a tax hike to the gambling events.

Dutton reminded council that a request for a tax increase to buy a new pumper was made by the GVFD&RS last February. Council turned down that request.

Cathy Meetrie presented a petition signed that night before the council meeting by over 90

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WHAT GOES ON

Sun., Oct. 16, 7 p.m. “One More Song,” Youth Center.

Mon., Oct. 17, 8 p.m. City Council Public Hearing on Arts Policy, Municipal Building

Wed., Oct. 19, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Municipal Building

Thurs., Oct. 20, 6 p.m. Public Hearing on Proposal to Transfer Prime Cable's Franchise, Duval High School

PURCHASE OF PARCEL 2 IS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

by Mary Lou Williamson

With a touch of electricity in the air the Greenbelt City Council approved the purchase of Parcel 2 from Charles S. Bresler and others, for \$360,000 for park and municipal purposes at its regular meeting, October 3. The 10-acre parcel lies along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway between Gardenway and Hamilton Place, and is a portion of the original green belt. Bresler, in a telephone conversation with City Manager James K. Giese, appeared to accept the timetable for the purchase — paper work, survey, etc. — unless he heard otherwise from the other owners. The city's \$6 million bond issue will provide the funds.

Council also authorized an additional \$10,000 for legal fees, survey, and title insurance to complete the transaction.

Indoor Pool

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld explained to council and audience that he was reluctant to get into design changes for the indoor swimming pool with only three of the five members of council present. (Edward V.J. Putens and Thomas X. White were both out of town.) He suggested postponing any decisions to the next meeting, October 13.

Giese outlined what steps he thought council could take next. To direct pool engineers to draw up detailed plans is an expensive step, about \$200,000, he cautioned. “It would be money down the drain if you don't proceed to

build the pool.” While council had reaffirmed its intent to construct an indoor pool at its previous meeting, the full \$2.5 million needed for construction costs is not yet available. When council is satisfied the city has the full funding, Giese said, “we can move ahead with engineering plans.” Until then, he suggested council could further refine the preliminary plans. A number of changes had been sought at the public hearing on September 26.

Councilmember Antoinette Bram moved deferral to the Oct. 13 council meeting. In seconding, Councilmember Joseph Isaacs added that council discuss where to find the financing.

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Prime Cable Asks Franchise Transfer to Connecticut Co.

by Karen Myers

Greenbelt cable subscribers will face their third cable franchise owner in five years if the proposed transfer of Prime Cable's stock to a Connecticut-based company takes place.

At a worksession on October 5, city council discussed with Prime Cable President Winfield Kelly the ramifications of such a transfer. Prime Cable Corporation and Waller Capital Corporation announced in May that ML Media Opportunity Partners, L.P., a public limited partnership, has entered into an agreement to purchase the stock of Prime Cable of Maryland, Inc. which owns and operates two cable television systems in the Washington-metropolitan area.

Prime Cable currently provides cable service to 19 areas in northern Prince Georges County including Greenbelt. When the transfer is complete, the two cable systems being purchased by ML Media Opportunity Partners will be managed by MultiVision Cable TV Corporation, headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Kelly, the last outside investor in Prime Cable, said he will sell all of his stock and be out of the cable business when the transfer is complete.

Council discussed with Kelly some of the technological changes that would result from the transfer. Greenbelt residents may be introduced to “pay for view” cable, a service which allows cable subscribers to order by telephone specific televised programming such as a movie or sporting event. The fee for each “pay by view” would then be charged to the subscribers' monthly cable bill. Other technological changes still being discussed include the possibility of a necessary conversion of all remote-control units currently being used with Prime Cable systems.

Probable Rate Increases

A county-wide rate increase for cable service will likely go into effect in January. Both the

basic cable rate and the fee for pay channels may increase by at least two dollars per month. Kelly explained to council that Greenbelt cable subscribers could have expected a rate increase even if Prime Cable had continued to serve the area. He added that the transfer is not likely to affect the current employees of Prime Cable.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on the proposed transfer of ownership of the cable television franchise serving Greenbelt. The hearing will be at 6 p.m. at DuVal High School on Thursday, Oct. 20.

The closing is expected for October 31. The purchase of Prime Cable will bring to about 450,000 the number of basic subscribers served by the systems of MultiVision.

The agreement marks the first acquisition by ML Media Opportunity Partners, which was recently formed by Elton H. Rule and I. Martin Pompadur with Merrill Lynch and Co., Inc., to invest in and operate media businesses.

The partnership sought to raise \$100 million of equity. The offering was oversubscribed and was closed on April 26 with about \$112 million of equity raised.

In making the announcement, Rule and Pompadur said: “We are delighted to have entered into this agreement with Prime Cable of Maryland, Inc. and look forward to extending our cable television service to northern Prince Georges County and Loudon County, which are among the fastest growing counties in the Washington area.”

Negative Response Causes Fire Dept. To Withdraw Las Vegas Night Request

by Marcie Birk

Following angry objections from citizens at the October 3 regular council meeting, Fire Chief Mike Dutton withdrew the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.'s request to change its lease to allow for “regular” Las Vegas nights.

The purpose of the request, according to Dutton, was to raise much-needed funds for a new pumper. A change in the lease would allow the fire department to act as “host” to two organizations who would actually run the events. Ken Stair of the fire department said the plan essentially called for the fire department to set up, clean up and collect a rental fee from the two groups.

Dutton indicated that if the plan for the Las Vegas nights was not approved, the GVFD&RS would be forced to ask the council for a tax increase. He noted that the fire department has already sold an ambulance and a pumper in an attempt to

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FREE FLU SHOTS

Free influenza vaccinations will be offered on Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon by the Prince Georges County Health Department at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Rd., in Greenbelt.

Persons who have difficulty coping with influenza because of age or chronic health problems are at high risk for further complications from the disease and are invited to receive the vaccination.

Especially at risk are adults and children with chronic disorders of the cardiovascular or pulmonary systems that require ongoing medical attention and residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.

At moderate risk are those 65 of age or older, as well as adults and children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of diabetes or other chronic metabolic disease, renal dysfunction, anemia, or immunosuppression. A third category are children six months through 18 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy. Pregnant women should discuss immunization with physicians.

Individuals who care for high-risk persons and health-care personnel may decide to be immunized to prevent transmission of influenza to high-risk persons and to protect their own health. Persons who have severe allergies to eggs should not be vaccinated. For additional information call the Health Department's Communicable Disease Control Office at 386-0110.

Democrats to Hear Director of ACLU

Amid the sloganeering of the 1988 Presidential election campaign, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club has decided to discover what it really means to be a "card-carrying member of the ACLU." At their October general meeting members and their guests will hear from Stuart Comstock-Gay, Executive of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland. Comstock-Gay is expected to discuss the history and purpose of the ACLU. Audience questions will be welcomed.

Also on the agenda for this meeting will be a slate of officers for 1989 to be proposed by the nominating committee. Officers will be elected in November and installed in December.

The October meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 21 in the Terrace Room Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Golden Age Club

by Janet James

It is kind of fun to be a Senior Citizen; people do so much for us. On October 19, Julie Rich of Prince Georges Community College is going to tell the Golden Age Club what that college does for seniors. The meeting will be held at the Youth Center at 11 a.m.

On October 12, we seniors again enjoyed a luscious luncheon at the American Legion, for which we are grateful.

Dance Lessons for Seniors

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a ballroom dance class for seniors. The class is being taught by Bill Snyder and no partner is necessary to participate. The first class will be held on Tuesday, October 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. and will continue every Tuesday for eight weeks. So come on out and enjoy the fun, exercise, and socialization while learning to ballroom dance. For more information, call Karen Haseley at 474-6878.

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The Greenbelt City Council Will Hold A

PUBLIC HEARING

on

Monday, October 17, 1988 at 8:30 P.M.

TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON AN ARTS POLICY FOR GREENBELT

The Task Force on Arts Policy, a subcommittee of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, has prepared a report and submitted recommendations for the establishment of a Greenbelt Arts Committee and for a comprehensive city policy on the performing, visual, and literary arts in Greenbelt; setting forth goals to make available and encourage participation in a variety of arts opportunities; to ensure the establishment and maintenance of high quality facilities to house arts programming; to establish Greenbelt as a cultural center; to ensure adequate and increasing funding for arts organizations and programs, and to advance policy goals through effective planning and cost-effective use of scarce resources. Copies of this report are available at the City Offices, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The meeting will be cablecast live.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
 City Clerk

Green Belt Tours Offered

Members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt will conduct guided tours of the green belt each Saturday. On Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. the tour will start at the end of Northway. Call Paul at 474-4653 or Rodney at 345-5427 for information.

Reading and Discussion Group Starts Fall Series

A reading and discussion series will begin Wed., Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. at Green Ridge House. Father Joseph Gallagher, retired Catholic Priest, will discuss the first book, Growing Up by Russell Baker. The series, which will meet alternate Wednesdays, is entitled "Making a Living, Making a Life."

GREENBELT LIBRARY HOLDS BOOK SALE

Greenbelt Library's annual book sale will run two days, Sat., Oct. 22, and Mon., Oct. 24, because of the large quantities of items culled from the branch's collection during the current renovations.

Beginning at 10 a.m. and closing at 3 p.m., Saturday's sale will include baked goods offered by Friends of the Greenbelt Library. Homemade donations can be brought to the rear entrance of the building after 9 a.m. For further information, call Barbara Simon, 474-2192.

Besides hardbound and paperback books, records, Beta videotapes, magazines, puzzles and art work will be sold.

On Monday, the sale room on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help on both days, but especially for an hour at a time on Monday. Those wishing to help in the sale or in the library's bookstore at other times should call Simon or Eileen Peterson, 345-2454.

Correction

Our apologies to the following children whose names were misspelled as Labor Day Festival winners: Jason Deramo, 2nd place winner in the fireman's relay; Cassie Clerkin, Special Children's Contest winner; Katri Hull, owner of best behaved cat; Stacey Linkenhoker, owner of biggest dog; and Brad Barber, whose horse, Honey, was judged blackest.

Citizens for Greenbelt Discuss Recycling, Oct. 20

Citizens for Greenbelt will hold a membership meeting on Thursday, October 20 in room 130 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The discussion topic will be the pros and cons of incineration and recycling as methods of solid waste disposal. Featured speakers will be representatives of the Sierra Club and the County Executive's office.

Membership Chairman Eunice Coxon will announce the details of the upcoming logo contest.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

PTSA Meeting at Roosevelt

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA will hold a general meeting on "How to Choose a College" on Tues., Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the guidance suite.

This program has been arranged by the school's guidance staff to answer questions of interest to all students—graduating seniors, freshmen, and those in-between—and their parents.

People are asked to bring questions with them. PTSA parents who have already experienced the college application process with their own children will be on hand to share their knowledge. Participants will learn about the college application instruction booklet that PTSA volunteer parents and the guidance staff are preparing.

Homemakers Club Meets

The Greenbelt Extension Homemakers Club will hold its second meeting of the season on Wed., Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. at the home of Laurie Moran. The co-hostess of the meeting will be Flo Abel. Solange Hess will present a program on "The Social Host."

Boxwood Civic Assn. Hosts Pizza Party on Oct. 16

The Boxwood Civic Association will hold their Annual Neighborhood Pizza Party, on Sunday, October 16 from 3:30 p.m. until dusk next to the playground on Parcel 7. All residents of Boxwood are invited to attend an afternoon of fun, food, and friends. For more information contact David Moran at 345-1429.

On Saturday, October 22 the Association will be painting and repairing the entrance sign on Lastner Lane. People who are able to help with this project or for more information contact David Moran.

LOST

About 11:30 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 10 a large brown vinyl zipper case belonging to this newspaper and containing advertisements and news copy was lost near the Co-op parking lot. The contents are of value only to the newspaper, its readers and advertisers. If anyone finds the vinyl case, please call 441-2662 or 474-8196.



CITY LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The city leaf collection program, publicized in the fall edition of CITY NEWS, the city's newsletter, was scheduled to begin October 17. Because there has not been a significant leaf drop and one is not anticipated through October 17, THE PROGRAM IS PUSHED BACK ONE WEEK. IT IS NOW SCHEDULED TO START OCTOBER 24. Please continue to follow cable channel B-10 and the Greenbelt NEWS REVIEW leaf collection program updates.

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We want to alert the Greenbelt citizenry to the great possibility that city council may decide to borrow millions without explicit voter consent.

On July 21, 1988 the city manager submitted a memo to the mayor and council re "Alternatives for \$6 Million Bond Issue." In the opening paragraph he states "... we are still about \$3.5 million short in doing the bond issue projects and need additional funds for the Public Works addition and the North End School." He then presents five possible funding alternatives for council to consider.

These funding alternatives are:

1. Seek voter authorization to sell more general obligation bonds;
2. Utilize the authority granted in Sec. 59 of the Charter and borrow funds for 10 years;
3. Amend or revoke Sec. 59 of the Charter and borrow funds for 20 or more years;
4. Delete the indoor swimming pool from the bond issue program and seek additional funds of \$1 million; or
5. Do not buy all of Parcels 1 and 2.

From council's actions so far we get the distinct impression that council is leaning towards alternative 2: borrowing funds without a referendum. On the one hand council is progressing with preparations for building the indoor pool and is negotiating with the owners of Parcels 1 and 2. No preparations whatsoever are being made to present the voters with a bond issue referendum. Actually, the monies budgeted by the city manager for a bond referendum election were deleted by council from the final budget. Not only does alternative 2 give council the authority to borrow needed funds for 10 years (for example by taking out a mortgage loan) without explicit voters' consent, but this method of financing is also more expensive than selling obligation bonds. For every dollar the city will have to pay when issuing bonds, the city might have to pay as much as \$1.45 when taking out a mortgage loan.

We are appalled by this "solution" to the funding problem created in 1985 by council, when the voters were faced with a list of projects which could not be covered by the amount of the proposed bond issue.

So far, the city has issued \$5 million in bonds. The total cost of this issue (including \$4.4 million in interest payments) is \$9.4 million. The interest costs of the final \$1 million of the 1985 Bond Issue and of the additional \$3.5 million now needed will be at least \$4 million and possibly much more in case the money is acquired through the issue of a mortgage loan. This will bring the total costs of borrowing this \$4.5 million to at least \$8.5 million and of borrowing the entire \$9.5 million to at least \$17.9 million.

(Note: This assumes that the \$1 million, authorized by council in June 1987 to cover the cost overrun of the pool, is included in the needed \$3.5 million. Otherwise, all figures have to be increased accordingly.)

If, by referendum, the voters say that this is what they want: so be it. In our democracy we abide by the wishes of the majority. We can't let 50 or 100 citizens attending a council meeting or talking to council members circumvent the will of thousands of tax-paying citizens. We oppose this method and

Letters to the Editor

Many, Many Thanks

We'd like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful Greenbelt friends and neighbors who called, wrote, or simply stopped us in the street to extend their congratulations and best wishes on the birth of our twin daughters, Allison and Julianne.

As many of you know, Julianne was born with a serious birth defect and other complications that required three operations and a five week stay in the intensive care nursery at Children's Hospital. Though progress will come slowly, we thank God that her prognosis is good. She's now home, where the tender loving care of her parents and big sister, Rachel, will help her complete the long journey to recovery.

We'd like also to especially thank all those Greenbelters who have routinely inquired with us about Julianne's health status. Your thoughtfulness provided great comfort to her parents, who will tell her when she's older how proud she can feel to live in a community that cares.

Debbie and Joe Isaacs

THANKS

On behalf of the Membership of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police and the various charities we support, I would like to thank everyone for helping to make our "Dunk-A-Cop" booth a success at this year's Labor Day Festival. We hope you had as much fun as we did, and hope to see you there again next year.

John A. Lann
President
Greenbelt Lodge #32
Fraternal Order of Police

will resist it with all our energies.

Every concerned citizen is invited to join our efforts by contacting us at either 441-8943 or 441-8855. However, don't wait: time is running out. Council's intent is to start construction of the indoor pool and to negotiate the purchase of Parcels 1 and 2. When either one of these events takes place, the available choices have been markedly narrowed.

The correct action for council is to first ascertain whether the citizens are indeed willing to borrow another \$3.5 million. If you agree: let us hear from you.

Leonie Penney
Betty Maffay, member of
City Council, 1969-1972

More to the Story?

We're very concerned about Greenbelt Center School's future. A survey will be going out this month from the school board to all parents of children attending Center School. Before returning this survey, parents may want to consider this:

The renovation plan does provide for a "new" building. Elevators would remedy mobility problems and a proposed new addition contains nine more classrooms, a courtyard, media center, choir room and a dining area. The 1968 addition would also be remodeled.

Someone is not telling parents the whole story. The school could be renovated while the children are still in it. This could be done in phases using temporary buildings on the site. As one area is completed, children can move in and another phase begins. Why is this not an option?

Is it a building that makes a good school or the administration and teachers within it? The best learning environment is not the physical make-up of the school. Does it really matter that the classrooms are interspersed with the offices, gymnasium, auditorium and cafeteria? Why would students be better off at another site?

Busing our kids to another school, such as Bladensburg Elementary, seems to be a scare tactic to get parents to give in to another plan that is more palatable and more in line with what the administration and school board really seem to want: a new school at another location.

We feel we're not being represented with all the options available. Have the school administration and school board already made up their minds? Will this survey really be considered in the board's decision? And what options will be given to us on this survey — only the ones they want us to be aware of?

Parents need to ask more questions! We do not want to see Center School stand as a reminder of what it once was. With Roosevelt Center being considered for revitalization, we want to keep Center School the heart of community activity. Keep Center School in the center of old Greenbelt where it belongs. Your children's educational future will be decided by the school board on October 31, so send in that survey and make your voice heard.

Lynn & Tom Lubey

SPECIAL THANKS

The family of the late Joseph J. Gardner wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all their neighbors and friends for their help and support and many acts of kindness during this difficult time. Special thanks go to our wonderful neighbors in 2 Court Plateau Place for their assistance at the time of Mr. Gardner's death, and their gifts of flowers and food. An out-of-town relative was with us, when our neighbors brought enough food prepared for a complete meal for many. The relative said, "They used to do things like that in our neighborhood, but not any more". Our reply was "They still do such things in Greenbelt", which shows why our motto "Greenbelt is Great" is so appropriate.

Thanks too to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad for their prompt response and assistance.

Mary Gardner and family

Check It Out!

On September 26 there was a public hearing on the proposed indoor pool at City Hall. There were almost 100 family members of the swimming team in attendance along with a handful of civilians. It is fitting that those related to the swimming team be interested in the indoor pool: 27% of the proposed schedule for non-summer swimming is devoted to swim team practices. A lot of the remainder of operating time is devoted to lap swimming.

During the summer, in the outdoor pool, lap swimming was restricted by the life guards to one person per lane. There are seven lanes in the proposed indoor pool. I hope the News Review will consider publishing the city's proposed schedule for the indoor pool. Every Greenbelt citizen ought to find in the schedule where (or more appropriately, when) he or she is being invited to swim.

This pool as proposed, will cost 2.5 million dollars, before overruns. During the meeting, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld invited the architect to submit an estimate for additional features which would service the same constituency as the rest of the pool, the swimming team. Presumably, the additional money would be that which otherwise would be spent on parkland acquisition.

Check it out Greenbelt. What's in this (more than) \$2.5 million boondoggle for you?

Bob Rashkin

Not a Laughing Matter

Readers of your article on the indoor pool hearing (Sept. 29, 1988) may be wondering what prompted the laughter during my appeal for the preservation of Candy Cane City.

Well, it seems that the standing joke around this town is that Candy Cane City is covered with litter as well as a hangout for drug users. Evidently it seemed amusing to the audience and several members of city council that anyone could have any attachment to such a place. Perhaps they are unaware that many children, my own included, actually enjoy using the playground.

My response to this derision at the meeting was that the reason Candy Cane City is such a mess is that the city has neglected it while devoting too much of its resources to other city beautification projects. In any case, I find it a sad commentary that so many people think that drugs and litter in the heart of the city are a laughing matter.

There was one other thing that disturbed me at the meeting. Someone said that the indoor pool would "attract the right kind of people" to our community, or words to that effect. I would like to know precisely what was meant by "the right kind of people."

Charles P. Hagelgans

Futureview

We travel through the time tunnel to the year 1999. Creaking in the wind swings a rusted sign which drearily says Welcome to Greenbelt. Gazing down the superhighway, which cuts through the heart of the city, a ceremony is under way to rename Greenbelt. Appropriately so, since practically the only green to be seen is growing through the occasional cracks in the stretching expanse of cement. The last of the great woods lies toppled like matchsticks.

Shivering with rage and horror, we abruptly reverse the time travel and screech back to the present. A new vision of the future is embraced, one which embodies the remains of the old concept of a green belt, alas before it is devoured by hungry, salivating bulldozers.

Yoni Siegel

"Rick" Barber, GRI, CRS of ERA, Nyman Realty, Inc.

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For more information, please call John R. Webster, III, at 345-2770 or 474-6878.



Bauhofer - Hibbs

Jenne Bauhofer of Goldsboro, North Carolina and Gary Hibbs of Lakeside Drive were married on August 6 in Goldsboro at the St. Paul United Methodist Church. The groom's father, Ray was the best man and brothers Steve, Brad, Tom and Jeff were ushers along with Gary's brother-in-law, David Newell. Greenbelters, Danny and Joe Hess, and two former Greenbelters, Newt Merricks and Rob Richards, also were groomsmen. Gary's sister, Debbie Newell, sang in the wedding, and niece, Ashley Newell, was a flower girl.

The couple honeymooned at Sky Valley, Georgia and Kiawah Island, South Carolina. They reside at Greenway Village in Greenbelt.

White Cane Days Coming

The Lions Fall White Cane Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15. The Lions Club urges residents to give generously to help the blind and less fortunate in the community.

FORTUNES TOLD AT SHL

A fortune teller will be at the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge on October 20 at 6:30 p.m. for Happy Hour. "Madam K" will get participants in the Halloween spirit by telling their past, present and future, all in fun. Music will be by Rockin' Gold. Participants must be 21 and older. Call 474-4555 to register. There is a small fee.

Clinical Social Workers To Meet at Library

The first of this year's "Tuesday Meetings in Maryland" will be held on Oct. 18 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. The meetings, sponsored by the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, provide an opportunity for social workers to get together to learn new information, share ideas, and network.

The speaker at Tuesday's meeting will be Frances Samarian, Chairperson of the Community Relations Committee of the Clinical Society. She will speak about "The HMO, PPO, IPA, and EAP Social Work Experiences."

For more information, contact Carol Simon (982-7137) or Peg Isenstein (474-1557).

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Daniel Montague, Pastor

Keyes Opens Hotline

Senate candidate Alan Keyes has set up a toll-free 800 hotline to his campaign headquarters.

Keyes pledged that the new hotline will be manned throughout the day and into the evening, and that it will be kept open by machine after hours so callers can always get through.

The hotline's toll-free number is 1-800-462-ALAN.

Maryland Wind Ensemble Gives Concert on Oct. 18

The University of Maryland's Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of John E. Wakefield, will present a concert at the University's Center of Adult Education at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18. The ensemble will perform a variety of music including Strauss's "Festmusik," Poulenc's "Suite Française," and pieces by Gounod, Dahl, and Ives.

There is no admission charge.

Halloween Tours Given Of Parcel 1 Oct. 21, 22

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will give Halloween tours on October 21 and 22 at 6:30 p.m. Meet on Northway Extended where it meets the ball fields.

The fun starts with a short walk down the trails. There will be lots of pumpkins along the way and a 20 foot ghost that flies. There will be candy and hot cocoa with marshmallows. So, Halloween lovers of all ages come join the fun. For more information call Paul Downs at 474-4653.

Roosevelt Orientation For Science/Tech Center

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science and Technology Orientation Meeting will be held Wed., Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. This meeting was originally scheduled for Oct. 18. Science and Technology parents and students are invited to meet the new coordinator of Eleanor Roosevelt's Science & Technology Center, Jane Hemelt. Presently a teacher of chemistry at Roosevelt, Hemelt will present her plans for the Science Technology program and indicate the direction in which she intends it to head. This will be the first opportunity for parents of freshmen to become acquainted with the Science & Technology program. Parents of sophomores, juniors and seniors will want to learn what the transition in leadership has in store for them.

Baha'i Faith

"The root cause of wrongdoing is ignorance, and we must therefore hold fast to the tools of perception and knowledge. Good character must be taught."

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Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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Greenbelt, MD 20770
345-2918 / 474-4090

County Schools Hold Substitute Workshop

The Prince Georges County school system will hold a substitute workshop on Monday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at William Paca Instructional Services Staff Development Center, 7801 Sheriff Road, Landover.

To register, please call Edith Greene at William Paca, 386-1529.

CITY NOTES

The Special Details Crew and the General Crew, through a combined effort, excavated, installed, and replaced 600 ft. of drainage pipe and curbing on Lakeside Drive.

The Parks Crew continue to maintain the ballfields and mow the laws throughout the city. The Horticulturist reseeded eroded areas around Greenbelt Lake and also residents property that was disturbed on Lakeside Dr. where the drainage pipe and curbing were being installed. Plants that had died during the drought were replaced. Planning for the upcoming Gypsy Moth problem is also continuing.

Ballot Issues Discussion

Roy Hart will speak about referendum issues on the November ballot at a public meeting sponsored by the Gray Panthers at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 15, at the Greenbelt Library. Hart, the legislative liaison for the Prince Georges County government, formerly served as a delegate and a senator in the Maryland State Legislature and as a Prince Georges County Councilmember. He will discuss Proposition #3, Banning of Saturday Night Specials, as well as the 10 other issues to be decided by voters on the November ballot. The discussion will include audience questions and participation.

County Councilmember Richard Castaldi and Virginia Bird of the Sierra Club will speak on "Incinerator? Yes or No?" Ample time will be allowed for questions. Refreshments will be served.

For transportation or information call Esther Webb, 474-6890.

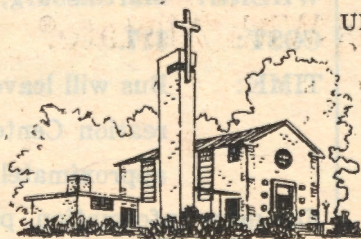
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Church School 9:30 a.m.
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Joseph Gardner

Joseph J. Gardner, age 71, died suddenly at his residence, 2-D Plateau Place, on October 1. He was born and grew up in Oakman, Alabama, where he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939. He was a Chief Petty Officer, Aviation Machinist Mate, when he retired from the U.S. Navy in 1959. He resided in Greenbelt since 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, children Joseph J. Jr. of Olney, MD, Thomas R. of Lakewood, N.J. and Carolyn G. Sinclair of Ft. Myers, FL. and grandchildren Joseph J. III, Timothy and Douglas. He is also survived by four sisters, one brother, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He loved gardening, hiking, square dancing, visiting with relatives and friends, and reading. He was a skillful conversationalist, and a Master Story Teller. He was active in the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and a past president of the club.

Because of his love for living things, the family suggested that expressions of sympathy be in the form of a tree or flower planted in his memory. Thus far, 24 trees in 15 states will be planted to honor him.

At the Library

Thursday, October 20, Drop-In Storytime 10:30-11 a.m. ages 3-5.

Thurs., Oct. 20 Book Discussion 10:15 a.m. Dangerous Dossiers: Exposing the Secret War Against America's Greatest Authors by Herbert Mithgang.

Saturday, Oct. 22, Monday, Oct. 24, Book Sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Katherine Buker

Katherine Buker, long-time resident of Greenbelt, died on Wednesday, October 5.

Mrs. Buker was born in 1899 in Lynchburg, Va. She was raised in Richmond and Baltimore, and later moved to Washington. There she met Kenneth Buker, an area minister; they were married in 1919.

In addition to her responsibilities as a minister's wife, Mrs. Buker was involved in many organizations. She was an active member of University Christian Church in Hyattsville for many years and attended the Ladies' Guild at Greenbelt Community Church.

When Kenneth Buker retired 26 years ago, the BUKERS moved to Greenbelt in order to be near their children. In Greenbelt, Mrs. Buker became president of the Golden Age Club and was a member of the Co-op Congress.

Her service was held Tuesday in the chapel at Hines Rinaldi Funeral Home in Silver Spring. At that time, the presiding ministers read a few of the many poems Mrs. Buker had written. Some of Mrs. Buker's poems had been published in church bulletins.

Burial was at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Mrs. Buker is survived by her husband Kenneth C. Buker, Sr.; her children Barbara Burgoon of Greenbelt, Joyce Buker of Florida, and Kenneth C. Buker, Jr., of North Carolina; as well as by eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that contributions be given to University Christian Church Organ Fund, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

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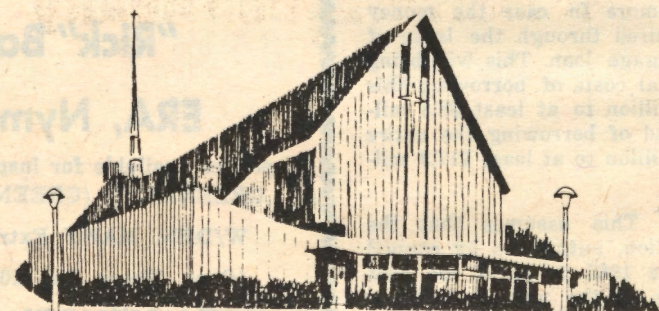
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Pre-School Department 9:50 and 11:15 a.m.

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Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

COUNCIL

(Continued from page one)

"We're about a million dollars short." The vote was 3 to 0.

Requests

On behalf of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion (CE-WI), Capt. Kevin Jenkins invited council to the first Action Guard Awareness Day on November 6. The day will begin with a road race in the morning followed by exhibits at Buddy Attick Park.

Eunice Coxon called for a left turn signal on Hanover Parkway at Good Luck Road. Staff reported that no word has yet been received from the county transportation department following a study they are making of the intersection.

Ordinance

The city has rewritten the ordinance prohibiting overnight parking of large vehicles along city streets by substituting limits of size (7 ft. width, 21 ft. length) and weight (one ton) in place of type of use of the vehicles. Special permission for overnight parking may be obtained by calling the police department at any time. Trailers of all types would continue to be prohibited from overnight parking. Council approved the change by a vote of 3 to 0.

Council also:

— asked Maryland Trade Center Park owners Coakley & Williams to develop some better coordination of roof-top signs after hearing that MTC-3 will sport a neon NYMA sign in red script with a bronze border. Council would prefer identifying signs denoting the Maryland Trade Center Park rather than individual tenants.

— submitted to Prince Georges County its proposals for projects eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding: (1) engineering for Roosevelt Center parking area renovation (\$70,000), (2) completion of Edmonston Road reconstruction (\$125,000), (3) Parkway reconstruction (\$50,000), and (4) Roosevelt Center Parking area construction (\$711,000).

— supported CB 114 before the county council which seeks funds for expanding the county health department's drug counselling program.

— supported CB 126, a bill introduced by county council member Richard Castaldi that would require adequate parking for pizza delivery service vehicles.

Co-op Will Hold Annual Meeting on October 29th

by Joe Timer

The fifth Annual Meeting of the membership of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Coffee and doughnuts will be served starting at 9:45 a.m.

One purpose of the meeting is to provide members with information about their cooperative. The managers of the supermarket and the service station, as well as the treasurer, will each present a report. There will be an opportunity for questions and suggestions.

Three members will also be elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. The three incumbents—Dorrie Bates, Mary Oster Granite and Chuck Sarahan — are running for re-election. Any other GCC member interested in serving as a director of the cooperative is asked to contact Tom Lammons, Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee at 474-3507. Prospective candidates must submit completed nomination forms to Tom Lammons by October 21.

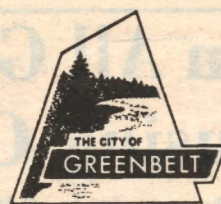
GCC members will also be asked to approve a bylaw change limiting the liability of members, directors and officers. "Liability is a major concern and cost in today's marketplace," noted Director Mike Burchick. "This bylaw change conforms with Maryland's newly-approved legislation designed to reduce the cost of liability insurance in the State."

At least 25 members entitled to vote must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It is hoped that all who are eligible will attend this membership meeting. There will be a drawing for door prizes.

Staff Bonus

Financial reports indicate that Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative showed a profit for the second half of the 1988 fiscal year (Aug. 1, 1987 to July 31, 1988). Both the supermarket and the service

station reported they are operating profitably. As a result, the Co-op paid bonuses to 39 employees that totalled \$15,650. Bonus checks were distributed on Sept. 25. This is the eighth consecutive bonus paid to employees of the supermarket since GCC assumed operations in mid-1984. Eight service-station employees received their second bonuses since 1986.



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City Council expects to make appointments to fill existing vacancies on the city's
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Radon Testing in All GHI Buildings Ordered by Housing Co-ops Boards

by Mavis Fletcher

At its Sept. 22 meeting, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. authorized the testing of every building in the cooperative for evidence of excessive levels of radon. This decision follows a national health advisory issued this month which urged that all homes in the nation be tested for this naturally occurring gas which can seep up into homes from the ground. The gas is odorless and invisible.

The amount of radon present is measured in picocuries per liter of air (pCi/l). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established four pCi/l as the threshold above which some action to lower the level should be taken.

GHI General Manager Ron Colton reported to the board that 34 tests, involving more than 100 units, have already been made in GHI and that in no case has the radon level been above two pCi/l. Most of these tests were made in crawl spaces or basements where levels would be expected to be higher than in the living units.

Test Procedure

The test mandated by the board involves doing at least one test in the crawl space of each building. Since the crawl space is open under the whole building (in most cases), it is anticipated that each building will only need to be tested once. If the crawl spaces are separated, tests will be performed under individual units, according to Assistant Manager Steve Wright. Individual tests will also be made in or under units with basements, he said. Tests are expected to start after the crawl spaces are closed in for the winter, at about the end of October. Members will be informed of the results of the tests, Wright said.

Colton indicated that each test kit would cost about ten dollars; he said some small saving could be made if the kits are purchased together.

Director Nancy Hutchins, who said the corporation should perform the test "to set the members' minds at ease," made the motion to authorize the testing program. The motion was approved unanimously.

Patronage Dividend

The good news announced at the meeting was the receipt of a patronage dividend from the National Cooperative Bank consisting of \$79,301.76 in cash and 317,207.06 shares of Class C stock. Colton's report to the board indicated that the dividend was much larger than expected since substantial amounts of the GHI loans held by the bank have been sold to other investors.

At present, the Class C stock has no realizable value. Director Margaret Hogensen, who sits on the NCB board, said that in her opinion it is a priority in the bank to create value for this stock at some time in the future.

Trees Threatened

After the good news came the bad. Tree loss and die-back in GHI has been so high this summer that the management was forced to ask for additional funds for the tree trimming and removal budget for the second time this year. Colton attributed the loss to the severe drought. Damage from the August 15 storm also consumed about \$6000 in

tree maintenance funds, Colton said. The board voted unanimously to add another \$10,000 to the tree trimming and removal budget.

Gypsy moths are also expected to do extensive damage to trees in the city and the surrounding area next year. The board discussed a letter from spearhead an effort to accomplish widespread spraying in the city and surrounding woods during the brief period next May when the larvae can be killed by spraying.

Corell's letter stated that many trees can be saved by spraying "for a few years, while the infestation is manageable, in order to control the damage in the immediate area until the disaster programs in the surrounding areas are started."

Colton said that Joe Whelan, Director of Maintenance, was to meet soon with state forest representatives to work on a plan. Wright indicated that GHI is also working with city officials on this problem.

GHI a Tree Farm

Colton announced that the Maryland Tree Farm Committee, a division of the American Forestry Association, has designated GHI as a certified tree farm

in the American Tree Farm System. This status is reserved for land owners who are actively managing their property for timber, wildlife, recreation, and watershed protection. On a motion by Hogensen, the board commended Whelan and his staff for their hard work in making this designation possible.

Indoor Pool

Member Charles Hagelgans of Crescent Rd. appeared before the board to support his position that the planned indoor pool should be built in Greenbelt East, possibly in Schrom Hills Park. In a letter to the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board, he said that the pool could become a recreational focal point in the eastern part of the city, drawing patronage from the surrounding areas. He noted that parking space would be less of a problem there. He made a main point that the proposed location in Roosevelt Center will preclude future expansion of either the indoor or outdoor pools and that he feels the outdoor pool is already too small.

The board took no position on his recommendation. Director Ray McCawley said he thought the question could be divisive and the board shouldn't get involved

in it. Most of the directors appeared to agree.

New Lender in GHI

At the Sept. 8 meeting of the board, a recognition agreement was entered into with the Washington Mortgage Group, Inc., an affiliate of the National Bank of Washington. Approval of the agreement clears the way for the firm to make share loans on GHI units. According to Robert N. Tyson Jr., president of the Washington Mortgage Group, the firm has an office in Bowie.

At the same meeting, Colton announced that Rayetta Henson, GHI's Contract Processing Coordinator retired at the end of September. She had worked for GHI for 27 years.

The next month's board meeting will be held on Oct. 27.

Indoor Soccer

The Greenbelt Soccer Association will hold signups for the winter indoor season on Saturday October 22 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Youth Center. All players interested in playing in January should attend. For information, or to volunteer to help coach, call Sue Cornelius at 345-2661.

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City Bus Service Delights Riders, But Its Cost Is Busting the Budget

by Robert Williams

The Greenbelt dial-a-ride service has a conscientious staff and a growing, devoted ridership, but its excessive cost has Public Works Director George Smith saying that the Greenbelt Connection may be too successful.

Many new riders enjoy the courteous, prompt service partly because of the staff's willingness, literally, to go the extra mile for their clients.

Everyone is pleased with this new demand, but the Greenbelt Connection, budgeted at \$60,000, only brings in \$6,000 in revenues, said Assistant City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

A jump in the numbers of school children and an unexplained rise of working adults using the service have swollen ridership figures, McLaughlin said. Before this, he estimated the ridership to be 80 percent older women.

Julian Weiss, a freelance writer, who lives at 24 Ct. Ridge Road, called the door-to-door service "an outstanding feature of the city." He has used it to retrieve his car from the repair shop and to keep appointments when an injury temporarily stopped him from driving.

"I hate to walk alone," said Nina Hardy, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She relies on the Connection to get her home safely when she leaves school early for her work/study program.

To keep to their budget, McLaughlin and his staff are studying ways to combine trips and use scheduled runs to specific locations in an attempt to handle the demand.

A new Ford bus given to Greenbelt by the county may relieve some of the strain. Equipped with a wheelchair lift, the bus is part of a plan to network city bus services into a larger system serving Prince Georges County. It has just been refitted with safety handles for easier access.

Wide-ranging Service
The city currently provides a

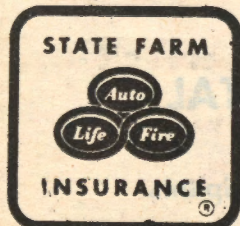
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The service provides trips to destinations ranging from Cipriano Square to College Park, and occasionally to Leland, Prince Georges, AMI Doctor's and Laurel-Beltsville hospitals. McLaughlin said they try to accommodate individual needs, especially for keeping doctor's appointments, and getting patients and their families to the hospital.

To handle the overflow, they sometimes must conscript drivers and office staff from Public Works. Even he and his staff go out on urgent calls, said McLaughlin.

Driver Wins Praise

This reporter witnessed the staff discussing how they could pick up a person who called, stranded and in tears, from nearby Lanham. Dispatcher Melissa McCawley and driver Norman Lockerman were able to squeeze her into their tight schedule.

"Lockerman," said McLaughlin, "is the best thing that ever happened to the Greenbelt Connection." Lockerman, a Public

Works employee for 16 years, has driven for the Connection for the last two years.

Alice Cave of Green Ridge House said Lockerman is always prompt. Fellow resident Alice Trees appreciates his help with her groceries. Carrying packages is not part of the driver's job but Lockerman does it anyway.

"Norman is my favorite man in the whole universe," exclaimed Marian Carle of 18 Court Ridge as Norman helped her into the front seat and put her grocery bags into the back. "Norman has the patience of a saint and he is pleasant and kind."

After the death of her husband, Carle had to depend on her sister for trips and appointments until the Connection went into service in 1985. Many others like Carle rely on the Greenbelt Connection for access to area doctors and malls. It is a necessity for these residents wishing to remain healthy and relatively independent.

Besides appointments and shopping, Fife Shipe travels most every afternoon to the American Legion hall to have lunch with her friends. Without the Connection, these pleasant lunches would end, leaving her isolated in her home on Hillside Road.

"To Your Smile"

by
Ray Vidal, D.D.S.



What causes receding gums?

Improper or overzealous toothbrushing is the most common cause of gum recession. Hard bristle toothbrushes, although once thought to be the most effective way to clean the teeth, actually cause the gums to recede more rapidly. The most recent studies have shown that the best way to brush is with a soft nylon toothbrush. Soft bristles clean thoroughly without harming the gums.

Other factors which can cause the gums to recede are early or advanced periodontal (gum) disease, undesirable habits such as placing pencils or other objects in the mouth, uncorrected tooth or gum irregularities, and poor oral hygiene especially during orthodontic treatment.

Gum recession is not reversible. Therefore, early recognition of the problem along with proper determination of the cause is absolutely essential.

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COUNCIL TIDBITS

At its September 19 meeting council unanimously approved a motion offered by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld: "The city council reaffirms its plans to build an in-door pool and purchase parcels 1 and 2 in the immediate future. In addition, council will aggressively seek federal and state grants for the purchase of parcels 1 and 2." Weidenfeld sought the formal statement following a meeting with Committee to Save the Green Belt, in order to allay their fears that the indoor pool project might jeopardize parkland purchases. White followed up with a separate motion to reaffirm council's commitment to establish a multi-generational multi-purpose center at the old North End school. The vote was again unanimous.

Development Issues

Council quickly approved the Declaration of Covenants offered by Greenbrook Associates in return for support of the Zoning Map Amendment Applications A-9658, 9695 and 9696, the city and the developer represented by attorney Cynthia Jurrius of Fossett and Brugger, having refined the details at a prior meeting.

A draft of the covenants was approved last spring by council. A total of 285 housing units, 33 townhomes and 252 condominiums, is planned on about 16 acres. Parcel 57, a five-acre tract, will not be developed: one acre is expected to be deeded to Hun-

ting Ridge to accommodate future parking needs and the remaining four acres will be deeded to the city for open space.

A petition by Hunting Ridge to utilize a portion of Parcel 57, north of Greenway Village Drive, for supplemental parking was postponed to the October 3 meeting in order to permit time for review by the city solicitor.

Council approved, without discussion, the concept plan for the remaining smaller office buildings on the Maryland Trade Center Park finding that the traffic impact would be no greater than that which was originally planned. Among the conditions attached to approval was the deeding to the city of a half acre of the land originally owned by the National Park Service and transferred to Coakley & Williams.

The preliminary plan of subdivision for Parcel J of the Capital Office Park received a green light from the council, again without discussion. The 16.2 acre parcel J lies north of Cherrywood Lane, leaving almost 29 acres as undevelopable due to lack of street frontage and flood plain. The portion of the parcel to be used is about 12 acres and is zoned C-O, Commercial Office. Developers plan two more office buildings. The county has already determined the proposed development meets the public facilities test. The preliminary plan now goes to the planning board for approval.

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Las Vegas

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Greenbelt residents opposed to the regular Las Vegas nights. Meetrie said those who signed the petition felt a tax hike was preferable to the gambling. When she asked who was present at the council meeting specifically to oppose approval of this plan, over two dozen people raised their hands.

Meetrie went on to say, "Firemen shouldn't be subsidizing the equipment, the city should." She questioned why the fire department wasn't receiving more funding from the county.

Councilmember Antoinette Bram explained that the equipment was owned by the GVFD&RS. If the county pays for a piece of equipment, it has the right to move that piece of equipment to another station in the county. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said that in order to retain the vehicle's title, the fire department must contribute 51% toward the cost of the vehicle.

Citizens voiced other concerns about the plan. Roberta McCarthy brought up the Prince Georges County law which prohibits organizations from holding Las Vegas nights more than twice a week. She noted that by being the host instead of the organization actually holding the event, however, the fire department would not be bound by these restrictions. McCarthy said she felt this was a violation of the intent of the law.

Mark Davis, president of Woodland Hills Community Association, said, "It is inappropriate for the City of Greenbelt to be landlord to a casino." Long-time Greenbelt resident Nat Shinderman agreed and said it was bad for the city's image.

Rebate from County?

After Dutton withdrew the request, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said the city would look into getting tax money back from the county that is paid by Greenbelt residents for county fire service. This might provide part of the funds needed for the new pump. He said, "If we all work together, we will find a way to raise revenues in a way that is acceptable to the community."

In an interview the next day, Dutton said the GVFD&RS was

Our Neighbors

by Dorie Bates 345-5961

Our sympathy to the Reverend Kenneth Buker and family on the death of his wife Katherine.

Condolences also to Mary Gardner on the death of her husband, Joseph.

Sajini P. Thomas of Cherrywood Terrace has received a Master's Degree in Hospital Services Administration from the University of Michigan.

We welcome Khalid Jamil Patterson who was born on September 17 at Holy Cross Hospital. The son of Joel Lantette Holland and Douglas Leon Patterson of Springhill Drive, Khalid weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

Congratulations to Cindy and Fred Murray who are the proud parents of Joanne Marie, born September 13. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. Cindy works in the Public Works Department.

Cheryl Hering also arrived on September 13 to the delight of her parents Judy and Howard just proposing what other fire departments are doing and that he did not realize public reaction would be so strong. He said he was encouraged by the support shown for a tax increase.

Dutton said, "If a tax increase of one cent on the dollar was earmarked for equipment replacement, that would be enough to get us over the hump and on a good equipment replacement schedule. Right now we're just struggling to catch up."

Dutton said he left Monday night's meeting with \$900 in donations. He indicated that while a fund drive might solve the funding problem for a new pump, a more long-term solution was needed. He said, "What will we do in two years when we need a new ambulance?"

After the council meeting, Weidenfeld told the News Review he thought getting tax money back from the county was the way to go. Since Greenbelt citizens already pay a tax to the county for fire service, a city tax for fire equipment would be double taxation. He said he would have staff look into this matter.

Hering. She weighed 7 lbs 12 ozs and was welcomed home by big sisters Stacey 2½ and Sharon, 1½. Judy is a vocational/educational counselor at CARES, Welcome all!

Speaking of CARES - Carol Leventhal, who also works there, reports that her son Rick got married on September 10 to Henny Daniels. Rick used to work for the City as a camera operator for the cable broadcasts while attending American University. Both Rick and Penny work for WSVN in Florida.

Our newest neighbors include Jessica Dorothy Rudd, firstborn of Denny and Carol Rudd on Hanover Parkway. Jessica came into the world on September 27, tipping the scales at Holy Cross Hospital at 7 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Lisa and Gregory Marsh are celebrating the arrival of their son, Zachary Joseph Marsh who was also born on September 27. Holy Cross reports that he weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. The Marsh family lives on Hanover Parkway.

It was a boy for Bernie and Polly White, also of Hanover Parkway. Bernard Aloysius White, 3rd was born on September 20 at Holy Cross. Their firstborn, he weighed 6 lbs 5 ozs.

John Palmer Horst arrived on September 21 at Holy Cross. He weighed 9 lbs. 9½ ozs and joins a big brother Justin, 2, at home on Mandan Court. Proud parents are Janet and John Horst.

Teresa and Michael Maxwell are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Ashley Marie Maxwell. Ashley was born on September 27 at Holy Cross, weighing 7 lbs 3½ ozs. The new family lives on Gardenway.

And Brian Ijeoma Davis was born to Gina Adusote and Emmanuel Davis on September 28

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at Holy Cross. Brian weighed 9 lbs 3 ozs. and joins his family on Springhill Terrace. Welcome all!

Peg Wainscott reports that at the Bridge Club meeting on Sept. 27, Doris and Bob Johnson took first place. Laura Walker and Billy Ahrens tied with Louise Kramer and Lars Bronstein for second.

At Friday evening's duplicate bridge session at the Youth Center the number one team was

Gwen Schlemer and Peg Wainscott. In second place was the team of Billie Ahrens and Laura

Recreation's Concert Series Continues at Youth Center

Recreation's Fall Concert Series continues with ONE MORE SONG this Sunday, October 16. The group will be performing at the Youth Center at 7 p.m. All residents and guests are welcome to come and enjoy this free performance.

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Center City Area

A 29 year old resident was the victim of a strong-armed robbery on Oct. 1, about 1 a.m. as she was walking in the 400 block of Ridge Road. A white male, in his twenties, 6'0", last seen wearing a light blue tee-shirt and blue jeans approached the victim from the rear and grabbed the victim's purse. She did attempt to retrieve the purse, however, the suspect fled with it in his possession. No injuries were reported.

On Oct. 3 about 9:30 p.m. an 18 year old Bowie resident was the victim of an assault with a handgun, as he was walking in the area of Ridge and Gardenway. The suspect, described as a white male, 18 years of age, 5'5", 180 lbs., blonde hair, last seen wearing a yellow nylon jacket and red sweat pants, produced a handgun, threatening to shoot the victim. The suspect was also in the company of a white male, 16 years of age, 5'8", 170 lbs., black hair, last seen wearing a tee-shirt and dark pants. A white female was also present. No injuries were reported.

Beltway Plaza/Springhill Lake Area

Det./Pfc. Robert F. Keller obtained an arrest warrant for a nonresident male for two counts of theft, which occurred on August 18, 1988, from an apartment in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

Det./Pfc. Robert F. Keller obtained an arrest warrant for a nonresident male for a theft and an attempted theft which occurred at the Ritz Camera Cen-

ter, 6134 Greenbelt Road. The theft occurred on May 16, 1988, and the attempted theft occurred on August 13, 1988.

While a 23 year old resident was in her apartment in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road on Oct. 6 about midnight, a black male, twenties, 5'6", 145 lbs., last seen wearing a dark green jacket, green pants and brown work-type gloves broke a window on the ground floor, grabbed a radio and fled after the resident armed herself with a knife.

The subject then fled into the wooded area to the rear of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and approached a 28 year old resident demanding money. The victim refused and fled for assistance.

Greenbelt East

A 1985 Mazda RX-7, red in color, with Maryland registration TXM 975 was stolen on Sept. 30 during the late evening from the parking lot at 8000 Mandan Road.

A black dark-skinned male, twenties, 6'0", muscular build, wearing blue jeans and a long sleeve shirt left a store with merchandise without paying for it on Oct. 1 at 8:30 a.m. The subject was seen entering a late model Ford Taurus station wagon, silver in color, with Maryland registration.

A theft by deception was reported on Oct. 4 at an office suite in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road. The subject was employed by the company under a fictitious name, received several cash advances and was unable to pay them back. Officer Robert Dowling, who was summoned to the scene, found that the subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest in California. The subject was placed under arrest and taken into custody by the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Department. No disposition has been given at the time of this writing.

Thefts from and vandalisms to autos were reported in the following areas: 9100 bl. Edmonston Rd.; 6400 bl. Ivy Ln., 6100 bl. Breezewood Dr., 6100 bl. Springhill Dr., 8200 bl. Canning Ter., 6200 bl. Breezewood Ct., 7700 bl. Hanover Pkw., and 100 bl. Northway.

An attempted break-in occurred between 9 and 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 27 in 11 court Hillside Rd. The lock on the door had been tampered with. Also, a break-in in the 7900 block of Kara Ct. occurred between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Entry was gained by forcing the sliding glass door. A video recorder valued at \$500 was stolen.

A third break-in occurred at a

store in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Rd. on Sept. 29. The front window was broken out with a rock and approximately \$2,500 worth of merchandise was taken.

Officer Robert Dowling attempted to stop a suspicious car in the 8900 block of Edmonston Rd. just past midnight Saturday, Sept. 24. The driver of the car attempted to flee at high speed down Greenbelt Road running several red lights. The car stopped at Branchville Rd.; five occupants bailed out and fled on foot. Two non-resident juven-

iles were caught, charged with auto theft and released to their parents or guardians. The car had been stolen from Silver Spring.

Saturday night Officer Dowling arrested a Landover resident at Beltway Plaza when he found that both the registration and the car the man was operating had been stolen. He is being held on \$1500 bond pending trial.

Other stolen vehicles include a red 1985 Renault Alliance, Md. tag PKY101, stolen on Sept. 26 from the 6200 block of Springhill Court. A 1985 Pontiac, reported stolen in May from the Greenway Center parking lot, was recovered in Landover. No arrests were made.

Thefts

Two men were interrupted by

Springhill Lake maintenance personnel about 4:15 p.m., Sept. 26, as they were attempting to break into coin-operated washing machines. The suspects, dressed similarly to SHL maintenance men with navy blue pants and shirts claimed to be working on the machines. The men are described as black, one in his late 20's, 6 ft. 1 in. 160 lbs., and the other in his 20's, 6 ft., heavy build, carrying a blue nylon gym bag.

A Md. license plate, stolen from the 6000 block Springhill Dr. on Sept. 26, was recovered the same day in Bethesda. The suspect, a resident of the 6100 block of Edmonston Rd., was arrested and charged with theft.

Recreation Review

One of the scariest haunted houses ever has been planned for Wednesday and Thursday, October 26 and 27 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 7 - 9 p.m. both evenings. Movies and treats will be provided for everyone. Admission will be charged. Proceeds will go to St. Jude's Hospital.

Greenbelt's Annual Costume Party and Parade is scheduled at the Youth Center on Friday, Oct. 28, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in various categories. Entertainment and treats will be provided for all participants.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, the Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosts a Teen Halloween Dance from 8 - 11 p.m. A D.J. will supply music for teens, ages 13-18. Admission will be charged.

Greenbelt's Official Trick or Treat Night is Halloween Monday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. Residents wishing to participate are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment residents should tie a piece of white cloth on their door knob.

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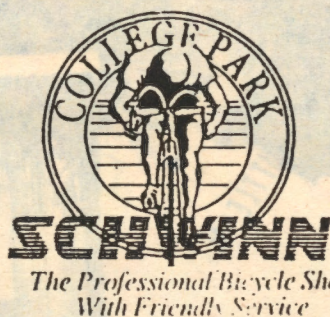
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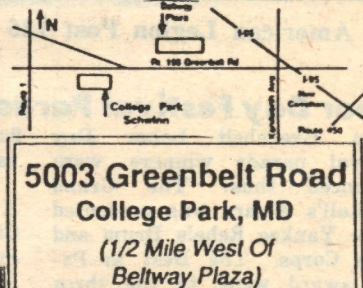
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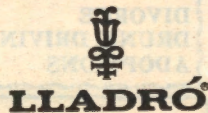
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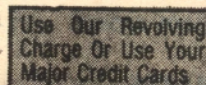
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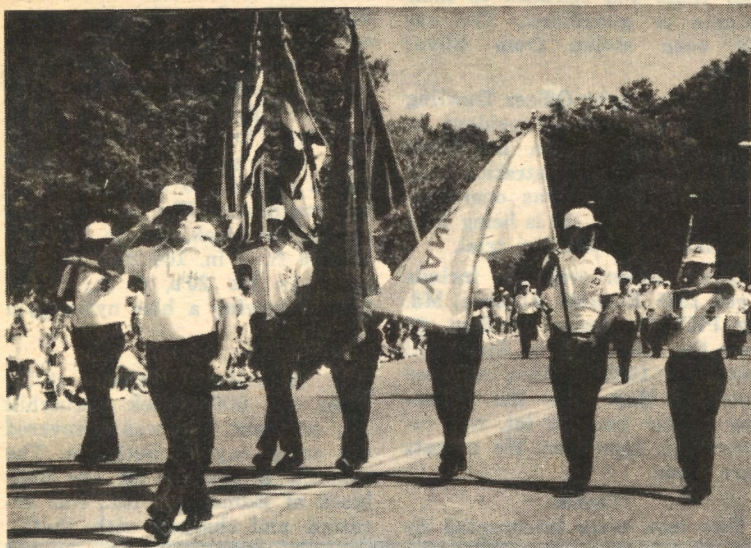
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Labor Day Festival Parade Winners

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Other winners were: Major ettes: Best Tiny Tots, 1st - K-Co., 2nd - Fantasia; Best Juveniles, 1st - Fantasia, 2nd - K-Co.; Best Juniors, 1st - K-Co.,

2nd - Fantasia, and Best Seniors, 1st - K-Co., 2nd - Fantasia.

Also: Best Drum Corps, 1st - K Co., 2nd - Fantasia. Best Color Guard, 1st - Shelley's Sparklers, 2nd - K-Co. Best Individual Unit, 1st - Mariam Wolf's 1930 Ford, 2nd - Ford Fairlane 500, and 3rd - Tom O'Connor's Bagpipes.

The Best Appearing Float was 1st - Miss Greenbelt Float, 2nd - Blackthorn Stick Irish Dancers; Best Musical Group, 1st - Blackthorn Stick Irish Dancers, 2nd - Kazoo Band - Comic Group, 1st - Lions Club Trikes and Bikes, 2nd - Kazoo Band; Best Appearing Civic Group, 1st - Three Greenbelt Brownie Troops, 2nd - Golden Age Club and 3rd - Greenbelt Cheerleaders.

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Individuals and organizations who want to participate should contact the Voluntary Action Center at 779-9444 before October 10.



Lorin Cahill is the Labor Day Festival's first Little Miss Greenbelt, 1988.

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